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### **ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

#### **DEQ PAINT SWAP SATURDAY**

BATON ROUGE – The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Greater Baton Rouge Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day and Paint Swap will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Citizens can bring household hazardous materials and leftover paint to Memorial Stadium between 8 a.m. and noon. Residents should enter the drive-through drop off site from Scenic Highway at Foss Street. The collection day is a collaborative effort between Dow Chemical Company, Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish and DEQ.

DEQ employees have volunteered to help with HHMD since 1985 when DEQ helped initiate the program. In 1990, DEQ kicked-off the paint swap. The objective of the swap is to recycle unused paint, varnishes, stains and thinners. After the material is collected, screened and blended by DEQ volunteers, it is made available to non-profit organizations, charities, churches, schools and redevelopment projects.

“We find homes for many of these home finishing products,” said Karen Fisher-Brasher, DEQ recycling Supervisor. “Last year a truckload went to Franklin for use in low-income housing projects. In 2003, we had over 500 gallons of reclaimed paint adopted.”

Anyone wanting blended paints should contact Teresa Edwards at 225-219-3273. The remixed items must be picked up on April 24 between 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information about recycling, paint disposal and common potentially hazardous materials in the home, go to the DEQ website at [www.ldeq.org/assistance/index.htm](http://www.ldeq.org/assistance/index.htm).